

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 15 as follows:**

The ~~present~~ invention has features as described above, and one of its embodiments is explained below.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 21 as follows:**

C: ~~It forms carbide or carbonitride and~~ effective to add by 0.04 wt% or more for forming carbide or carbonitride and improving strength, but if added by more than 0.2 wt%, strength is lowered in a long time range.

**Please delete in its entirety the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 4 and ending at page 5, line 5.**

**Please delete in its entirety the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 16 and ending at page 5, line 18.**

**Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 26 as follows:**

A quenching or normalizing temperature is 1000°C or more, and a tempering temperature is 730°C or more. That is, in quenching or normalizing, a temperature must be kept at 1000°C or more in order to form a solid solution of alloying elements such as V and Nb in base phase, in austenite single phase ~~and form a solid solution of alloying elements such as V and Nb in base phase.~~